

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTICE: The information requested herein is needed to assist the Committee in its investigation of candidates for the Public Service Commission. This questionnaire is the initial step in the investigation of your candidacy. A completed questionnaire should be returned to the Committee as soon as possible, but in any event no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2010. (Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE): Second

1. Full Name: Mr. David Austin Wright

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Business Address: 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

2. Date of Birth: 1955

6. List each institution of higher learning you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded. Please provide an official transcript no later than the date of your screening hearing. If you left any institution without receiving a degree, state the reason for leaving.

Clemson University, 1973-1977, B.A. in Political Science

(Via telephone, I was advised by Nancy Coombs, Chief Counsel to the Public Utilities Review Committee that I did not need to submit my transcript again since it was filed with the committee previously.)

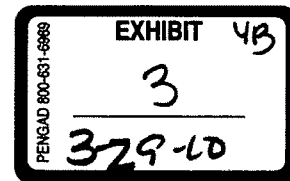
7. List any continuing education courses or other professional education or training programs that you have attended in the past five years.

Each of the last five years I have attended:

NARUC Summer Meetings

- Chairman of NARUC's Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal

SEARUC Commissioners-Only Meetings



- Chairman of SEARUC

NARUC Annual (Fall) Meetings

- Chairman of NARUC's *Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal*
- Critical Infrastructure Workshop Participant

NARUC Winter Meetings & National Electricity Forums - Washington, D.C.

- Chairman of NARUC's *Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal*
- *National Electricity Forum Participant in each year*

SEARUC Annual Conferences

- I was President/Host of Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) Annual Summer Meeting in June 2009 in Charleston, S.C. (Responsible for planning and programming of entire conference, as well as all associated events.)

NARUC Summer Meetings

- Chairman of NARUC's *Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal* (August 2007) **Graduate, National Judicial College** two-week study for regulators, ALJ's and utility commission attorneys – (August 2007)

IPU-MSU Regulatory Policy Conference – (December 2008)

(9/12-9/16/2005) **"NARUC Rate School" sponsored by the Institute of Public Utilities at Michigan State University**

(August 2004) **Graduate of "Camp NARUC"**, a two-week study for regulatory officials held at *Michigan State University*

8. Have you been employed or held any position in any of the following areas?

- _____ (a) energy issues
- _____ (b) telecommunications issues
- _____ (c) consumer protection and advocacy issues
- _____ (d) water and wastewater issues
- _____ (e) finance, economics, and statistics
- _____ (f) accounting
- _____ (g) engineering
- _____ (h) law

Please provide the duration of your employment or service and details about the nature of the work or the position.

Although I have not been employed or held a position in any of the above fields, I had experience in several of the listed areas prior to my election to the PSC, especially in water and wastewater issues while I served as a Councilman and Mayor of the Town of Irmo and as a member of the S.C. House of Representatives.

Since my election to the PSC, I have certainly been involved in all areas.

10. Have you ever held public office? If so, provide details, including the office, whether elected or appointed, the length and dates of your service. Also, state whether or not you timely filed reports with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty. If so, provide details, including dates.

Yes.

Councilman, Town of Irmo - 1983-85

Mayor, Town of Irmo – 1985-88

S.C. House of Representatives (District 85) -1988-96

Commissioner, S.C. Public Service Commission (District 2) – 2004-present

I always filed disclosures and they were filed in a timely manner.

11. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, provide details, including dates.

I lost a Republican Primary for the S.C. House (District 85) in 1996.

12. Please list in chronological order any employment of you by any governmental agency (whether full time or part time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise). Provide dates of employment, name of employer, name of supervisor, and major job responsibilities.

Contract Consultant, S.C. Dept. of Agriculture, Jan.-June, 2001

- Commissioner Les Tindal was my supervisor.
- I did whatever he asked me to do from monitoring meeting and legislation to writing articles.

13. Please list in chronological order any occupation, business, or profession in which you have been engaged or employed (other than serving in a public office or being employed by a governmental agency). Please briefly note the nature of your work during each period.

Wingate Advertising, Account Executive, 1977-78;

Floyd Spence for Congress Committee, Press Secretary, 1978;

S.C. Republican Party, Director of Communication, 1979-80;

Floyd Spence for Congress Committee, Communications Director, 1980;

Wright Enterprises d/b/a Hickory Farms of Ohio (franchise), Owner, 1981-1992;

Dutch Fork Publishing Company, part-owner, 1993-1995

David Wright Communications, PR, Advertising & Consulting, 1995-2003

I also have my real estate license and my auctioneer's license with the State of South Carolina.

30. List all professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.

- Actively involved in the activities of the **National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)**, the **Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC)**
- Chairman (June 2008-June 2009), **Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC)**
- Chairman of **NARUC's Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal**. Also an active member of the **NARUC Electricity Committee** and the **NARUC Washington Action Committee**.
- South Carolina's PSC Member to and elected to serve as the National Chairman of the **Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition (NWSC)** in February 2006-present. Also serves on the Board of Directors of the NWSC.
- National Chairman, **Yucca Mountain Task Force**, a national group of commissioners, business, industry, and government leaders dedicated to the *Yucca Mountain* deep geologic high-level nuclear waste repository project who organized to provide education to government leaders and coordination of grassroots activities in support of those efforts.
- Attended and actively participate in each NARUC meeting.

31. List all civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five (5) years.

- Member, Gideon's International
- Past President/Secretary/Member, St. Andrews Rotary Club;
- Rotary Assistant District Governor, District 7770
- Member, Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission Athletic Advisory Committee
- Member, Clemson University Tiger Letterwinners Association.
- Leadership Council, Center for Colon Cancer Research at the University of South Carolina

32. State any other information which may reflect positively or negatively on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for a position on the Public Service Commission.

There are three items I would like to mention:

- First, in my position as Chairman of NAURC's *Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal* and as President of SEARUC, I have had the honor of being representing both NARUC and SEARUC as a witness before committees of the Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency. During February 2009, I appeared before the full Senate Energy Committee to represent the SEARUC states in opposition to a mandated national renewable portfolio standard.
- Second, in June 2009, I was honored to serve as President and Host of the SEARUC Annual Summer Meeting in Charleston, S.C. We attracted between 300-350 attendees from throughout the South and Southeast, including Texas. Besides the positive economic impact we brought to Charleston, the meeting has been called one of the best SEARUC meetings ever - if not the best. Some have even said it had more 'meat' than some of the NARUC national meetings. We made a conscious decision to showcase what we are doing in South Carolina since the implementation of Act 175 through the collective efforts of the General Assembly, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Commission. As a result of our successes, our state is being used as a model by other states.
- Last, in January of 2008 I was diagnosed with Stage Three Colon Cancer. I had colon surgery performed and went through a lengthy regimen of chemotherapy treatments. The day following my surgery I was patched in by telephone to a meeting with U.S. Senator Pete Domenici that I had set up as Chairman of NAURC's *Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues and Waste Disposal*. The next week I returned to work and participated in the two-week-long Duke Energy Efficiency hearing. During my illness, I scheduled my chemo treatments for late in the week, and on Saturdays, so that I would not miss any significant hearings or meetings at the PSC. Additionally, during my treatment I was elected Chairman of SEARUC and, as a result, I planned most of the 2009 SEARUC Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC while I was sitting in the chemo chair. Although you are never 'cured' of cancer, I have been told that my prognosis is good and that I am 'clear' today. I was asked to share my story and, as a result, have become actively involved in colon cancer prevention and advocacy. I have presented my story via op-eds in The State Paper, and through presentations to the National Colon Cancer Roundtable in Washington, D.C., the S.C. Cancer Alliance, Rotary Clubs, churches and other civic groups.

33. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom references could be required. Also, furnish this Committee with letters of recommendation from each person listed herein.

- 1) Congressman Joe Wilson
- 2) Daniel Parga, Asst. Service Center Mgr., Palmetto Citizens FCU

- 3) Elizabeth Taylor, Director, Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission
- 4) Dr. Ed Carney, Pastor, Riverland Hills Baptist Church
- 5) Dr. Tripp Jones, S.C. Oncology Associates

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY RECORD INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:

Date:

PLEASE NOTE: S.C. CODE SECTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE ATTACHED